Riddle of the Roundhead.

An Excellent New BALLAD.

To the Tune of, *Now at laſt the Riddle is Expounded.*

1.

NOw at laſt the Riddle is Expounded,
Which ſo long the Nation has Confounded;
For the Roundhead
Begins the Game again,
Which ſo well they play'd in Forty four,
Now with greater hope;
For the fine Sham-Plots will ne'er give over,
Till they piouſly have routed King and Pope.

2.

Anthony that Worm of Reformation,
Who of Commonwealths has laid Foundation,
Which the Nation
So hotly does purſue;
Let him be rewarded in the *Tower*,
For his Merits due:
By that buſie Plotting head laid lower,
We may perhaps eſcape what might enſue.

3.

Perkin makes fine Legs to th' ſhouting Rabble,
Who to make him King he thinks are able;
But the Bauble
Is only ſhew'd for uſe:
The ſilly Idiot ſerves but for a Tool ſtill,
For Knaves to work their Feats,
And will remain a dull miſtaken Fool ſtill,
For all their damn'd Cabals and *Wapping* Treats.

4.

The moſt zealous Parliament devoted,
For the Publick good devoutly Voted,
Pray note it,
That the Duke muſt ne'er be King;
And like honeſt faithful Loyal Subjects,
His Majeſty implore,
To ſign their pious and Religious Projects,
Or elſe the threaten'd King muſt Reign no more.

5.

The renowned Work of Reformation,
To be carry'd on throughout the Nation,
In a paſſion
They Vote the Canons down;
Acts and Statutes all muſt be confounded,
Law and Juſtice too,
To make way for the proud Rebellious Roundhead,
That they once more the Nation may undo.

6.

Lords and Biſhops both are uſeleſs Voted,
And the Factious Crew who gravely Plotte
Are noted
For Lords and Commons too:
Whigs and *Brumighams* with Shams and Sto
Are true Proteſtants,
And Proteſtants are *Maſquerades* and *Tories*,
The Modern Reformation of the Saints.

7.

Old Queen *Beſs* that made the beſt Indentu
Good King *Jemmy* too againſt Diſſenters,
He ventures
To turn them out of doors;
To take in *Quakers*, *Puritans* and *Ranters*,
The Parliament implores,
To build a Kirk of *Whigs* and *Covenanters*,
And make a Lawful Race of Sons of Whores.

8.

Rowley now with Wiſdom and grave Reaſo
To prevent the ſwift approaching Treaſon,
In ſeaſon
Put a period to their ſtrife;
In *Oxford* all their Stratagems confounded,
The Roguiſh *Joyner* too:
And may no better Fate attend the Roundhe
That wou'd the Church and Monarchy ſubd

9.

Oxford Loyal Youths who ſcorn to Sham us,
With a perjur'd Bill of *Ignoramus*,
Or name us
For Loyal, Traytors known;
Soon found a flaw i'th' bottom of the *Joyner*,
By Juſtice and the Laws,
Of Church and Commonwealth an Undermin
Who fell a Martyr in the *Good Old Cauſe*.

10.

Now for ſhame ye Zealots be confounded,
Boaſt no more Allegiance, ſince a Roundhead
Is grounded
Upon the Holy Sham:
How dare ye talk of Loyalty, a Hater
Of Juſtice, King and Laws,
Since the *Whiggiſh* Proteſtant is found a Trayto
And dies a Martyr in the *Good Old Cauſe*.

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